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SUBJECT: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT ADANA PRISON
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1. ADANA'S NEW PRISON DIRECTOR, CENGIZ AKSU, SEEMS TO BE ESTABLISHING HIMSELF QUICKLY AND SOLIDLY WITHOUT --SO FAR-- HAVING QUESTIONED OUR PROGRAM FOR THE PRISONERS EXCEPT TO REQUIRE A DATE CHANGE FOR VISITS FROM WEDNESDAYS TO TUESDAYS. HE PREFERS NOT TO HAVE FOREIGNERS VISITING THE PRISON ON THE SAME DAY THAT POLITICAL PRISONERS RECEIVE VISITS.
2. TENSIONS HAVE BEEN RUNNING HIGH AT THE PRISON. MARCH 24, THE ENTIRE PRISON WAS SEARCHED FROM STEM TO STERN FOR CONCEALED

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WEAPONS. THE NEW DIRECTOR TOLD US THAT HE IS DETERMINED TO DEAL FIRMLY WITH "TROUBLEMAKERS." IN THIS CONNECTION HE STRESSED THE GOOD BEHAVIOR RECORD OF OUR PRISONERS AND WISHED THAT HE WERE ABLE TO OVERCOME SPACE CONSTRAINTS AND PROVIDE SEPARATE ACCOMODATION FOR OUR FEMALE PRISONERS SIMILAR TO THAT ENJOYED BY THE AMERICAN MEN.
3. ON MARCH 23, THE DIRECTOR HAD TOLD A VISITING AIR FORCE GROUP THAT THERE WERE SOME TROUBLEMAKERS ON THE WOMENS' SIDE AND THAT ONE HAD STRUCK ONE OF OUR GIRLS (MC DANIEL). OUR SPECIAL VISIT ON THE 24TH ESTABLISHED THAT THE GIRLS WERE BOTH IN GOOD HEALTH. THE DIRECTOR EMPHASIZED (IN THEIR PRESENCE)
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THAT HE WOULD PROTECT THEM AND THAT HE WAS AWARE OF "EVERYTHING" GOING ON ON THE WOMENS' SIDE. MC DANIEL HAD DONE RIGHT WHEN SHE DID NOT HIT BACK AFTER BEING SLAPPED. THIS LATTER STATEMENT SEEMED TO IMPRESS ZENZ AND MC DANIEL WHO HAD BEEN UNAWARE PREVIOUSLY THAT THE DIRECTOR KNEW OF THE INCIDENT.
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